

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,870,370, granted February 9, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

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1. The inadvertent failure to include a claim, such as claim 15, that is otherwise similar to claim 1 but does not recite that the flux separating element is formed of a birefringent material, or a claim such as claim 21 that does not recite the use of a birefringent material (as does claim 1) or the use of a laser and a light-receiving element formed in a single stem (as does claim 11); and
2. The inadvertent failure to include method claims such as claims 25-28.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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